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## Drill instructor gives kids taste of boot camp

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Gunnery Sgt. Dustin R. Kazmar, chief drill instructor, Kilo Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, is involved in molding young men into United States Marines. As critical as his job is, Kazmar concedes that without recruiters, there would be nobody to train.

Kazmar's introduction to the Marines came from a recruiter's visit and started his path into a career in the Corps.

During his junior year in high school, Kazmar told his family he was going to join the military after having a fight with his girlfriend. His father, while supportive of his decision to serve his country, made an unusual demand.

"My father told me that I couldn't join the military until I had talked to a recruiter from every service," said Kazmar.

It didn't take young Dustin long to cut the potential pool in half. After speaking to the Navy and Air Force on the phone, Kazmar knew neither was for him.

"The Air Force said they weren't interested in my muscles – they wanted my brains," Kazmar said. "I said, 'OK, thanks. Bye,' and hung up."

After a visit with the Army recruiter, Kazmar was sold and ready to join. His father



Gunnery Sgt. Dustin Kazmar, chief drill instructor, Company K, works with poolees from Recruiting Station Phoenix. Kazmar, who was recruited by Sgt. Maj. David Knutson, RS Phoenix's sergeant major, gave the poolees a taste of life as a Marine recruit. Sgt. Virgil P. Richardson/8th District

stood fast on his initial decree and reminded him there was still one service to speak with. As the Marine recruiter arrived at the Kazmar home, it was his interaction with the family's dogs that made a first and lasting impression.

Patrolling the front yard of the Kazmar home are two 185-pound Great Danes. Most visitors are so terrified of the horse-sized creatures they stay in the safety of their vehicles until the animals are out of sight.

The Army recruiter stayed in the car until Kazmar's mother came out to the yard to get them and took them into the house.

When the Marine recruiter arrived, the

dogs began their normal routine of barking furiously and jumping up and down outside the vehicle. Knutson, at the time a canvassing recruiter, calmly gathered his collateral materials, put his cover on, and made his way to the front door of the house. The elder Kazmar, watching the entire episode from inside the house, grinned knowing his son had found his man.

"My dad looked at me and said, 'this (joker) is crazy,'" said Kazmar.

Knutson, who seemed so oblivious to the events as they were happening, says he remembers that moment as if it were yesterday.

"I looked at it as a good way to use up some of that free medical care," Knutson said.

Once he was safely inside, Knutson spoke to Kazmar about the Corps and what it had to offer. While the rhetoric of the conversation has long since been forgotten, Kazmar decided that day he would become a Marine.

"Do I remember exactly what he said to me that day? No. But whatever it was changed my mind. When he left, I never considered the other services again," said Kazmar.

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## OIF combat veteran awarded Silver Star



Brig. Gen John M. Paxton Jr. and Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods, commanding general and sergeant major of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region respectively, award the Silver Star medal to Cpl. Kristopher D. Kane. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
Chevron staff

Conspicuous gallantry, valor and respect preceded the corporal as he proudly stepped forward to the front of the general; crisply his hand lifted for a salute as he awaited the general's acknowledgement during the Morning Colors ceremony on the depot May 5.

The Silver Star, the U.S. military's third highest honor for valor, was awarded to Corporal Kristopher D. Kane, marksman-ship coach, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, by Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, MCRD and of the Western Recruiting Region.

"Corporal Kane has distinguished himself as a Marine leader, infantryman and

a man of courage, conviction and valor in combat. He did brave things to accomplish the mission and save the lives of other Marines. He is part of the core of our institution of honor, courage and commitment," said Brig. Gen. Paxton. "He is the role model for the next generation of Marines"

During the ceremony, Kane's parents and brother, who is a staff sergeant in the Army, looked on with pride.

"It was really great to be awarded in front of the families and all of the Marines," said Kane. "The general was very kind and a great speaker. I know my family enjoyed it, which made it even better."

The citation for the Silver Star was originally going to be submitted by 1st Lt. Dustin M. Shumney, Kane's lieutenant in Iraq. However, before Shumney put him

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Raised in the middle of a religious war, he set off to America to serve and prosper.

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Week:  
For all the  
marbles

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“The world is changing; and the role of the Navy and Marine Corps team is changing with it,” said Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter. On Wednesday at the Bay View restaurant aboard the depot, Secretary Winter made his first stop of many on the West Coast to address a group of local military members and civilians concerning issues relating to a broad range of topics. He also spoke about the importance of having a strong, well-equipped and technologically advanced military to ensure all forces are being used as efficiently as possible. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

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in for the medal he passed away in a helicopter crash in Western Iraq along with other members of Kane's platoon Jan. 26, 2005.

The award was submitted by the command he was under in Iraq. He said that he accepted the award on the behalf of everyone who was in his platoon that had passed away.

On the morning of the Marine Corps' birthday Nov. 10, 2004, Kane and his company, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, were in operations retaking the city of Fallujah, Iraq.

While en route to their objective they stopped for rest in a guarded building. The next morning they found the home

adjacent to them was taking fire, so Shumney sent some of his Marines over a wall to intercept the insurgents.

“Once we got over the wall, gunfire erupted and a couple guys got hit,” said Kane. “A really good friend of mine, Lance Cpl. Aaron Pickering, couldn't be found. He was my protégé, so I set out to find him.”

Unable to find his deceased friend who was on the second deck, Kane found one of the platoon's Corpsman on the first deck at the end of the hallway attempting to help the wounded. Kane positioned himself between the Corpsman and the incoming fire of the insurgents.

Maneuvering through the incoming fire inside the home, Kane attempted

to throw a grenade into the room where the insurgents were. Missing with the first grenade he threw a second one, which neutralized them. Eliminating only a portion of the insurgents, Shumney called for a bulldozer to demolish half of the home to eliminate the rest.

When the bulldozer brought the house down, rubble was pushed onto Kane breaking his right femur and left clavicle. Injured, he was evacuated to Bravo Surgical Fallujah where he was treated and evacuated to other hospitals, said Kane.

Kane, who is proud to serve his country, looks forward to serving another tour in Iraq after finishing his present duties as a marksmanship instructor.

# Marines run wild for 183 miles

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
Chevron staff

Exhausted mentally and physically, the depot's running team finished first in the mixed military category of the Wild Miles 183 mile-long relay race.

Beginning in Borrego Springs, Calif., and ending in Pine Valley, Calif., the male and female depot team beat 34 of the 41 teams present and finished with a 24-hour, 7-minute run time.

The course is a grueling test of stamina with an array of different uphill slopes, flats and curved terrain. The depot's team combated the different portions of the course by assigning sections that appealed to the runners' strengths.

“It was all pretty difficult, especially because you had to master your part of the race,” said Sgt. Scott A. Leonardson, depot team member. “But the team morale was always pretty high because of our camaraderie, and it's not every day you get to do something like this.”

The depot runners all agreed that the race was a significant accomplishment and that dividing 183 miles between the 10 members was physically difficult. The runners also commented on the support from their teammates providing the runners with water and rest.

One of two females on the team, Sgt. Maria G. Martinez, said, “There was a little bit of pressure on being one of the only females, but my teammates definitely helped me all the way through.”

As the Marines finished, they ran alongside each other for the last 20 yards as the crowd cheered them in. The fact that the runners were a military team made people support them more and give them extra attention and motivation, said depot runner Capt. Kate L. Murray.

Finished with the race, the depot team members sat alongside one another eating and drinking the food and water provided by the run's hosts.

“I'm a sucker for punishment,” said Staff Sgt. Carlos M. Lopez, depot team member. “I'm going to be honest. I didn't train

for this and I'm going to hurt tomorrow.”

The team members that will still be on the depot next year plan on participating again. If interested in joining the depot's running team contact Sgt. Esquivel at (619) 524-5114.



Sgt. Sergio H. Esquivel, team coordinator, finishes the last leg of the 183-mile Wild Miles course. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

**BRIEFS**

**San Diego Bulldog Detachment**

The Marine Corps League San Diego Bulldog Detachment #835 is collecting money to help allow families to stay close to their wounded warriors at Naval Medical Center San Diego. As the war in Iraq continues, more troops are being sent to the hospital, and accordingly, the Bulldog Detachment is looking to increase its capacity to help. For more information, call Richard A. Williams at (619) 615-5336 or e-mail him at sdrcih7777@aol.com

**2006 LINKS schedule**

The remaining LINKS classes of the year are scheduled to take place July 29 and October 28. All classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

LINKS is a program designed to help spouses understand and adjust to a military lifestyle. Husbands are welcome too. For more information, call (619) 524-0916, or e-mail Angela Gates at angelia0802@yahoo.com.

**Brown Bag Lunch Series**

The depot's financial advisor, Mike McIsaac, invites depot personnel to attend his Brown Bag Lunch Series of financial workshops.

Upcoming workshops include:

- May 24 – Your dream car: How to buy and finance.
- June 28 – How to get out of debt and build wealth.

Classes begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m., and are open to active duty, retired, reserve and civilian employees. Lunch is provided, but classes are limited to 30 students each. For more information, or to register, call (619) 524-5728.

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Nearly a year later, on his 18th birthday, Kazmar climbed in a car bound for the airport, and ultimately Recruit Training.

Nine years and six promotions later, Kazmar has much to be proud of. Like the approving father that watched Knutson brave the Great Danes, Knutson now talks about Kazmar in similarly doting fashion.

“I couldn't be prouder of him,” said Knutson. “What he's accomplished in such a short period of time is incredible. He is a true testament to what you can become in the Corps with a little dedication and a whole lot of heart.”

Kazmar, dealing with recruits on a daily basis, didn't realize until just recently how much respect he had for his former recruiter.

“I hear horror stories all the time from the recruits about how their recruiters lied to them, didn't tell them everything they needed to know, and so on,” said Kazmar. “I can tell you (Knutson) was honest about everything. When I got to boot camp, everything he told me was correct. I always knew what to expect.”

Now, standing in a dusty park in Phoenix under the beating sun and Knutson's watchful eye, Kazmar gave the on-looking recruits advice for when they leave their homes and show up in his house.

“All you need to bring with you to boot camp are drive and heart,” said Kazmar. “With those two things, you can accomplish anything.”

## Reservists' healthcare bridges gap between military and civilian benefits

BY MARK JECKER  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

For many National Guard and Reserve service members (the Reserve Component) leaving active duty, TRICARE offers a health care bridge to civilian life.

Reserve Component members and their families may be covered for 180 days of TRICARE health care benefits under the Transitional Assistance Management Program, called TAMP.

TAMP coverage begins on the separation date and provides TRICARE Standard, TRICARE Extra or TRICARE Prime health care coverage.

To qualify for TAMP benefits, Reserve Component members must be:

- involuntarily separating from active duty under honorable conditions;
- separating from an active duty period of more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation;
- separating from active duty following involuntary retention (Stop-Loss) in support of a contingency operation; or
- separating from active duty following a voluntary agreement to stay on active duty for less than one year in support of a contingency operation.

Each service branch determines eligibility for these transitional benefits. If separating from active duty, contact the nearest service personnel office to verify eligibility.

**Coverage and location**

Those living in TRICARE Prime service

areas may choose the Prime option. Enrollments received by the 20th of the month will be effective at the start of the following month. Remember that an initial enrollment may not be retroactive to the service separation date.

To maintain existing TRICARE Prime coverage, complete and submit a new Prime enrollment form before separation. There is no cost for enrollment during this period. The benefit remains the same as for active duty family members with minimal out of pocket costs.

Those living outside Prime service areas may use TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra during the TAMP period and are only responsible for co-payments – 20 percent for TRICARE Standard and 15 percent for TRICARE extra.

Details of all three options are provided at [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) and [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil).

**Temporary Dental Coverage**

Former active duty and Reserve Component members eligible for transitional benefits may receive dental care at military dental treatment facilities on a space-available basis. Family members are not eligible for dental care at these facilities.

Civilian dental care is not covered for sponsors or family members under TAMP, but certain Reserve Component members and their families may receive dental care by enrolling in the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP). Contact the TDP administrator, United Concordia Companies Inc. at (800) 866-8499 or online at [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com) for more information

## AMERICAN IDLE Doing nothing costly, wasteful

BY BILL MARTINE  
SWRFT maintenance manager

In the poetic realm we often wish to be idle. It implies a sense of serenity by doing nothing. And doing nothing on a warm, sunny day is a great way to spend a day off from work.

However, in our day-to-day activities, the Southwest Region Fleet Transportation has discovered that doing nothing is costly and wasteful. After looking at the “black box data,” the SWRFT found that up to 25 percent of the fuel consumption by government vehicles was due to idling engines. With the increasing cost of fuel, the government pays up to \$2.69 per gallon for gasoline and \$2.58 for diesel; every minute spent idling truly is burning money.

A typical vehicle burns about one gallon of fuel per hour while idling. Excessive idling, (idling more than a couple of minutes), begins to adversely impact several important aspects of vehicle operations by increasing fuel consumption and engine wear, creating a less productive use of the vehicle, increasing the potential for theft if the vehicle is idling unattended and increased pollution.

Just 2.5 hours of excessive idle time will burn 2.5 gallons of gasoline. At \$2.69

per gallon this equates to an extra \$280 in fuel expenses per year in just one vehicle. If we could avoid all excessive idling at Camp Pendleton the 25 percent reduction in fuel consumption would save more than \$250,000 annually.

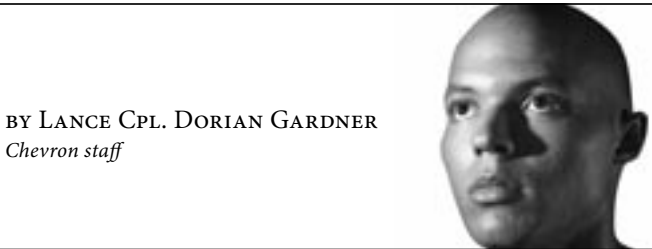
How can drivers of government vehicles help reduce the costs of idling? Avoid letting your vehicle idle. Idling in traffic or at stop signs/lights is a given, but eliminate all other idling as much as feasibly possible.

Auto industry studies show that there is no need to let a vehicle idle for more than 30 seconds, even in cold weather. Vehicles produced in the past few years are specifically designed to start and drive away immediately without any idle time. When entering a vehicle that has been sitting in the sun, don't let a vehicle idle while running the air conditioner.

Vehicle manufacturers recommend to roll down windows, run the A/C on high for the first minute to blow out the hot air, and then roll up the windows to maximize the cooling process. Idling the engine does not speed the cooling process.

If you operate a government vehicle help break any bad “idling” habits to save our fiscal resources and enhance our commitment to protecting the environment.

## Happy Mother's Day



BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
Chevron staff

My mother sent me letters while I was in boot camp, but there was one card I read more than all the others. It had a picture of a young boy. He was skinny, with huge glasses. There were sprinklers spraying in the background, he stood in the front yard in yellow swim trunks flexing his non-existent biceps.

What I loved about the card was his enormous smile. I hadn't smiled in two weeks. On the inside of the card, it read, “They can take your lunch money, but they can't take your pride.” Every time I had to do push ups, run in place or do a million mountain climbers, I thought of that letter.

There is a handful of holidays that are really important to me: Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day and a few others, but the one that holds special meaning to me is Mother's Day.

On this day, Americans everywhere take this special opportunity to appreciate what mother's have done for them throughout their lives.

I didn't come from a broken home, and my family was not poor. My mother never had to work three jobs to keep food on the table, but she always made sure we had something to eat. I am not saying daddy wasn't there, but this isn't about you dad, wait your turn.

Growing up, I wasn't the best kid, and I sure didn't make it easy on my parents. Sure, getting suspended for a day kept my mom and me out of work and school, but that's not the way she viewed it. One of the things I remember best was what she would tell me before I started my first day at a new school.

“You have a clean slate,” she would say. “They don't know anything about you.”

Every year, I gave them something to say about me. I was expelled, suspended, put in detention, and once in a while, I went to Saturday school, but Mommy was there to drop me off and pick me up. Maybe it helped that my mother had two brothers of her own that were worse than me at my age. There is always that simple truth Mom. Be thankful.

There were also those days when I was sick as a kid and she we would get donuts or fast food breakfast. I do not know which occurred more, but I am sure that good outweighed the bad.

Memories like these are the ones that make people wish they were kids. Even thinking back to things we may have done recently makes the work day go by a little easier.

Since I joined the Marine Corps, I have been able to get out and mold myself without my Mommy's guiding hand, her curfew or supervision; I had many chances to do stupid things. Any Marine, salty or not, will tell you that liberty can mean many things. Something about having nothing to do leads Marines to use their creativity.

When the big things come along – the really good ideas that have trouble written on them – I see her looking at me and shaking her head. One of my biggest fears isn't heights, spiders or such things. It is disappointing her.

I remember when I told my mother I was joining the Marine Corps. She cried. A few hours later, she came downstairs and told me that she would support me if this is what I wanted. Signing the contract wasn't as hard once I knew she was behind me.

The morning I left for Marine Corps recruit training, I kissed her and told her I would see her in three months.

On January 8, 2004, I hugged and kissed my mother for the first time in three months. During our embrace, she told she was proud of me. If that was all I gained in the last three months, it would have been worth it.

Since then, I have been here and there. Phone calls home became less frequent, but I always visit. Visits became less frequent as well, but they know what's up. Distance makes the heart grow fonder. There is no place like home, especially with the family I have.

I have a family full of characters. Everyone plays a roll, but my mother is a little bit more complicated.

She is not the best arguer. She has a sense of humor, but she is not the comedian. My mother is the person that everyone loves to be around. She brings a good feeling and a smile. Maybe that is the way every son feels about his mother.

This Mother's Day I will be at home eating with my mother, sitting with my mother and kicking back with my mother. I don't know if it is possible to say it enough, but I love my mother with all my heart. If you cannot be anywhere near your mother on Sunday and the store ran out of those pretty cards, call her and let her know that you love her. I love you Mommy.

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Gunnery Sgt. Luis Atkins inspects Tuba High Shcool student Nicole Curley. Noticing dirt on her rifle, Atkins made sure to explain the importance of a properly cleaned weapon. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos



Maintaining his position, a freshly-inspected David Ross ponders the morning while Gunnery Sgt. Luis Atkins finishes inspecting Ryan Vance.



With his rifle high, Kevin Attikat, center, leads his platoon in the armed exhibition. Attikat also won the first tap out contest, where cadets must execute drill movements properly or they will be eliminated.



A depot drill instructor returns a salute before allowing El Camino High School JROTC cadets to perform their drill.

# JUDGING THE FUTURE

## *Depot DIs supervise JROTC drill meet*

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
*Chevron staff*

Depot Marines judged Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps students who displayed their military precision and bearing at the sixth annual “Golden Bear’s National Drill Meet” April 29 in Pomona, Calif.

Marines from the depot and Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., as well as airmen, seamen and soldiers came together during the competition to observe and judge proper execution over the event’s 16 drill areas. The stations included armed and unarmed drill, regulation, exhibition, color guard, four-person armed drill, four-person sabers and novice categories.

The drill competition hosted 52 schools from around the nation, said Raul Duran, event coordinator. According to Duran, 12 schools dropped from the competition because of scheduling conflicts, and a few schools already added their names to the list for next

year’s competition.

Duran said he takes occasions like this very seriously because the students put a lot of hard work into the drill meet.

“Events like this are important because there are not too many activities teaching the ethical values that we try to instill in our young men and women,” said Duran.

The morning of the meet, drill instructors arrived early and sat in on a brief explanation of the competition. Duran set guidelines and boundaries in order to keep the experience enjoyable for the kids.

Spread throughout the competition, Marines stood alone and teamed with other service members to judge different categories.

Gunnery Sgt. Luis Atkins was the first Marine many of the JROTC participants met. At 8 a.m., the kids got a motivating wake-up call when the Company M chief drill instructor displayed his extreme volume and ability to execute a proper inspection.

The competition also brought family members and recruiters. With static dis-

plays like Army vehicles and a Marine Corps obstacle course, recruiters took advantage by handing out cards and attracting new applicants.

Antoine McNair attended the competition for the first time this year and loved the military presence.

McNair said he is tired of living the “so-called” disobedient life where everybody thinks he doesn’t listen to anything.

“I took a year off from basketball just to learn how to drill,” said the 6-foot, 3-inch underclassman.

His favorite parts of the competition were exhibition and inspection. The inspection gained his favor because of the drill instructors’ intensity, but exhibition captured him because it brought together so many unique routines. McNair said he was curious to see who would be declared the best.

With more schools coming out for 2007’s drill competition, rifle routines and uniforms are already being prepared.



Listening to cadence from the platoon guide, El Camino High School executed drill movements such as columns and flanks.



RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Company A Marine leaves bloody past in Philippines for new life in states

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER  
Chevron staff

Coming of age in a battle-torn country, a young man ventured to California and into a recruiting office seeking opportunity.

Private Darwin C. Recla, Platoon 1081, Company A, made his first trip to San Diego in the early months of 2006. Before he set a foot in California, he was fighting for his life and the lives of his family in the Southern Philippines.

Divided by religion, Muslim and Christian Filipinos were in a constant state of battle. A Christian had no business walking through a Muslim city or neighborhood if he valued his life, according to Recla.

Even though Recla, a Christian, maintained friendships with Muslims, friendship couldn't stop a war.

"I had Muslim friends, but one day they got together and started killing Christians," said Recla. "At three in the morning, everyone came to my father's house and gave us weapons. Muslims were invading and we took arms. All the women went into the city and males older than nine had to fight. If we ran, our own people would kill us. The war was amongst our homes, so we had no choice."

Facing war at a young age didn't leave room for fun and games. Recla said he grew up in a strict household and went to a school where missing homework meant harsh punishment. Coming to America was a dream come true.

Recla, along with his mother, brother and sister, moved to Sun Valley, Calif., when Recla was 13. His English wasn't good and he didn't know anyone, so Recla stuck to himself. Before joining the Marine Corps, Recla returned to the Philippines to finish school at Holy Family High School.

Raised by a soldier, Recla was no stranger to military and its stern ways. None the less, Recla found himself enlisting into the Marine Corps to become a service management clerk.

Arriving to training, Recla said he had the misconception that boot camp was strictly physical training and rifle training. Going to the classroom from time to time and learning about the history of the Marine Corps and its achievements motivated him.

Because his English was limited, training was a little difficult in the beginning.

"He is a very intelligent kid," said Staff Sgt. Brian A. Kiraly, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1081. "There was a definite language barrier though. I would ask him to do something and he would stand there for a few seconds and respond, but he wouldn't move."



Pvt. Darwin C. Recla stands in formation at Company A's battalion commander's inspection Tuesday. During the formation, uniforms were examined, and recruits were tested on Marine Corps knowledge. Lance cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

As a solution, Kiraly bought his recruit a dictionary and a thesaurus to study.

Adapting to a change in his surroundings was nothing new, said Recla. Going to boot camp was like coming to California or starting at a new school.

According to Recla, boot camp surrounded him with young men who had different personalities.

"You have to fit in here," said Recla. "There is one recruit who is always trying to make people laugh and another recruit who is always being serious. I just stayed in the back. I am just trying to graduate in three months."

Obstacles came along that almost prevented Recla from doing that.

"If you don't have the right mindset for training, you are not going to graduate," said Recla. "If you think you are going to make it, then you are."

Disturbing letters from home distracted Recla. He said a letter that described his mother's bad condition contributed to a low score on his pre-qualification with the M-16 A2 service rifle. The strange behavior attracted the attention of his senior drill instructor.

beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Williams and members of his Detachment began visiting Marines at the Naval Medical Center San Diego that were returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with combat injuries. It was clear to him there was a need to provide financial assistance to the families of the Marines as they tried to afford the high costs associated to the family while their Marines were recovering from their injuries. Williams and his fellow members of the detachment started the Injured Marine Fund to assist these Marines and their families. Contributions were raised from hundreds of businesses and individuals.

The fund was established to provide immediate economic assistance in the form of hotel vouchers, meals, rental cars and outright grants to Marines and their families while they stayed in San Diego. Since its inception, the Injured Marine Fund has provided financial support to more than 100 Marines and their families. For work on this project, Williams has been recognized by various civic and veterans organizations.



Williams has been married for 19 years to the former Jennifer King. They reside in San Diego with their three boys Trevor, Trent and Tanner.

Richard A. Williams

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Richard A. Williams is a native of Chicago. After graduating high school in 1974, Williams joined the Marine Corps at the age of 17 and attended boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. Following boot camp, he was ordered to Supply School at Meridian Naval Air Station, Meridian, Miss. Upon graduation from Supply School, he was ordered back to the depot and assigned to Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, as a supply Marine and remained there until 1977 at which time he was released from active duty.

Williams then continued on with his college education by attending Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill. While in college, Williams became attached to the Marine Reserve Unit at Glenview Naval Air Station, Ill., until 1980 at which time he was honorably discharged from the Marines. Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science Eastern Illinois Univer-

sity. Williams then was accepted to Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. Williams earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1983 from Drake University Law School.

Immediately following law school, Williams accepted a position with the Polk County attorney's office in Des Moines as an assistant district attorney assigned to the felony trial bureau. Williams remained with the district attorney's office until 1986. In 1986 Williams moved from Des Moines after he accepted a position in San Diego with a law firm specializing in civil tort claims. In 1988, Williams established his own law firm in San Diego specializing in representing victims of medical and legal malpractice, toxic torts, motor vehicle injuries and product liability claims. He continues to practice law in San Diego today.

In 1998 Williams became actively involved with the San Diego Bulldog Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Williams worked on several committees with this veteran's organization and was eventually elected to several officer positions within the detachment.

In March 2003, shortly after the



ALPHA COMPANY

**FIRST RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION**  
Commanding Officer  
Lt. Col. B. A. Kerl  
Sergeant Major  
Sgt. Maj. A. A. Spadaro  
Chaplain  
Lt. Cmdr. J. E. West  
Battalion Drill Master  
Staff Sgt. C. C. Krusemark

**COMPANY A**  
Commanding Officer  
Capt. R. D. Vallee  
Company First Sergeant  
1st Sgt. C. A. Reina

**SERIES 1077**  
Series Commander  
1st Lt. M. E. Feuquay  
Series Gunnery Sergeant  
Gunnery Sgt. L. Abanto

**SERIES 1081**  
Series Commander  
Capt. B. J. Khaner  
Series Gunnery Sergeant  
Gunnery Sgt. L. Abanto

**PLATOON 1077**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Sgt. R. Rangel  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. E. Romero  
Staff Sgt. P. Escamilla

Pvt. B. K. Abbo  
Pvt. A. L. Acosta  
Pfc. B. D. Allen  
Pvt. N. M. Allen  
Pvt. F. X. Alvarado  
Pvt. C. A. Anderson  
\*Pfc. D. C. Andread  
Pvt. J. A. Ayala  
Pfc. G. C. Bell  
Pvt. P. E. Beltran  
Pvt. J. A. Bernard  
Pvt. J. S. Biggs  
Pvt. D. J. Booth  
Pvt. R. S. Borel  
Pvt. L. C. Caliputura  
Pvt. J. L. Carian  
Pfc. J. M. Carrasco  
Pfc. S. P. Case  
Pfc. K. B. Casey Jr.  
Pfc. D. R. Casey  
Pvt. J. Cerna  
Pvt. R. W. Cheff  
Pfc. F. N. Choate  
Pvt. M. Clymer  
Pvt. T. A. Colomb-Green  
Pvt. E. Colston  
Pvt. B. J. Conwell  
Pfc. L. M. Curielgomez

Pvt. D. S. Davis  
\*Pfc. T. D. Downs  
Pvt. J. A. England  
Pfc. G. J. Escareno  
Pvt. P. C. Evara  
Pvt. J. M. Falcon  
Pvt. D. L. Foster  
\*Pfc. D. W. Gage  
Pvt. A. Garcia  
Pfc. S. L. Gassiot  
Pvt. J. H. Hunter  
Pvt. B. K. Loggins  
Pvt. J. D. McManus  
Pvt. R. W. Mozley  
Pvt. K. R. Nelson  
Pvt. J. T. Spain  
Pvt. D. N. Sporleder  
Pvt. B. J. Tubbs

**PLATOON 1078**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Sgt. C. L. Cartagena  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. M. C. Largo  
Sgt. L. Mitchell  
Sgt. E. Cortez

Pvt. A. E. Akin  
\*Pfc. A. R. Bates  
Pvt. Q. J. Blakely  
\*Pfc. J. T. Bowlin  
Pvt. R. W. Mozley  
Pvt. E. P. Campbell  
Pvt. J. P. Cantu  
Pvt. W. C. Carter II  
Pvt. J. M. Castaneda  
Pvt. E. C. Chartier  
Pvt. W. P. Clark III  
Pvt. E. M. Coen  
Pvt. P. A. Cross  
Pvt. J. J. Dailey  
Pfc. R. H. Delgadillo  
Pvt. R. Dominguez Jr.  
Pvt. D. D. Dore  
Pvt. D. L. Dowling Jr.  
Pfc. J. R. Downey  
Pfc. M. F. Edwards  
Pvt. J. D. Fagan  
Pvt. J. T. Fernandez  
\*Pfc. L. J. Fernandez  
Pvt. C. G. Finch  
Pfc. S. Flores  
\*Pfc. J. Gaona  
Pvt. N. J. Garbisch  
Pvt. J. S. Grutzius  
Pvt. R. J. Howard  
\*Pfc. J. Jacobo  
Pfc. D. W. Kimbrough  
Pvt. B. G. Koch  
Pvt. B. J. Lane  
Pvt. D. G. Leal  
Pvt. J. E. McElhaney  
Pvt. R. S. Noel

Pvt. M. E. Osborn  
Pvt. A. M. Palaia  
Pvt. D. E. Pierce  
Pvt. E. E. Rhodes  
Pvt. J. A. Rodriguez  
Pvt. J. A. Ulak  
Pvt. J. Zaiger

**PLATOON 1079**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. M. P. Baehr  
Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. R. G. Jarmon  
Staff Sgt. J. C. Gallardo  
Staff Sgt. J. Romero

Pvt. J. A. Barker  
Pvt. R. M. Baylor  
Pvt. M. A. Bernardo  
Pfc. A. E. Carnahan  
Pvt. C. E. Carter  
Pfc. W. W. Crawford  
Pvt. J. P. Crutchfield  
Pvt. J. L. Cuevas Jr.  
Pvt. J. M. D'antonio  
Pvt. N. J. Dunnam  
\*Pfc. M. J. Eckstein  
Pvt. C. J. Endle  
\*Pfc. R. L. Flowerette  
Pfc. D. J. Germano  
Pvt. T. S. Gregg  
Pvt. D. C. Gustafson  
Pvt. J. J. Haag  
Pvt. D. W. Hawkings  
Pvt. R. R. Horn  
Pvt. C. L. Khan  
Pvt. R. C. Kiple  
Pvt. P. T. Langi  
Pvt. L. J. Leedy  
Pfc. K. W. Lindquist  
Pvt. R. A. Lucas  
Pvt. N. H. May  
Pvt. D. A. McDonald  
Pvt. T. J. Merz  
Pvt. M. T. Metzler  
Pvt. A. D. Mitchell  
Pvt. J. D. Morris  
Pvt. E. R. Mueller  
\*Pfc. W. E. Nicholson  
Pvt. A. Paredes  
Pvt. J. T. Perchez  
Pvt. E. W. Polisson  
Pvt. K. Quinata  
Pvt. Z. A. Sahu Khan  
Pvt. B. L. Schnitzler  
Pvt. R. A. Scott  
Pvt. J. J. Srakovic  
Pfc. J. H. Stokes  
\*Pfc. M. G. Tanner  
\*Pfc. M. A. Vander Weit

**PLATOON 1081**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. B. A. Kiraly  
Drill Instructors  
Staff Sgt. S. S. Rodriguez  
Sgt. N. E. Downey

Pvt. C. J. Allen  
Pvt. V. M. Burke  
Pvt. D. Downs  
Pvt. D. P. Dresler  
Pfc. T. Eubanks  
Pvt. J. L. Fuentes  
Pvt. C. C. Garcia-Sanchez  
Pvt. M. W. Lancaster  
Pvt. W. A. Martin  
Pvt. J. C. Parker  
Pfc. B. J. Pascale  
Pfc. J. D. Poe  
Pvt. D. Quiroz  
Pvt. K. C. Recla  
Pfc. J. D. Ritter  
Pvt. R. L. Rodriguez  
Pfc. R. C. Rodriguez  
Pfc. J. C. Rodriguez  
Pvt. J. L. Rolon  
Pvt. D. A. Rutherford  
Pvt. A. W. Saavedra  
Pvt. R. Saldana  
Pvt. A. D. Schmidt  
Pfc. S. J. Shattuck  
Pfc. D. W. Smith  
Pvt. D. J. Soria  
Pvt. M. B. Spurlock  
Pfc. V. B. Starkey  
Pvt. W. V. Struck Jr.  
Pvt. A. R. Tarter  
Pvt. V. Tovar  
Pvt. K. Uth  
Pvt. D. W. Vanden Toorn  
Pvt. K. R. Vix  
Pvt. T. T. Wahl  
Pfc. P. A. Webb  
Pvt. J. W. Weber  
Pvt. J. A. Wiley  
Pfc. B. J. Winkel  
Pfc. D. C. Wolf  
Pvt. R. J. Wood  
Pvt. S. W. Wood  
Pvt. J. Working  
Pvt. M. Yoo

**PLATOON 1082**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. A. A. Magdalen  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. K. M. Labaran  
Staff Sgt. J. L. Horsely  
Staff Sgt. C. D. Lepome

\*Pfc. A. W. Bales  
Pfc. P. J. S. Bauer  
Pfc. R. M. Campbell  
Pfc. S. D. Caruso

Pvt. K. T. Cassidy  
Pvt. T. C. Davis  
Pvt. A. Garcia  
Pvt. R. J. Hegler  
Pvt. C. T. Holmbeck  
Pfc. T. M. Hopper Jr.  
Pvt. E. E. Hunter  
\*Pfc. A. N. Invergo  
Pvt. J. Iracheta Jr.  
Pvt. A. Jarosz  
Pfc. R. E. Julian  
Pvt. R. J. Kidd Jr.  
Pvt. E. Kuang  
\*Pfc. M. E. Lauber  
Pvt. S. P. Libla  
Pvt. J. F. Lopez  
Pvt. M. A. Martinez  
Pvt. R. G. Mercado  
Pfc. J. W. Moore  
Pvt. C. A. Morlet Jr.  
Pvt. M. J. Nelson  
Pvt. A. L. Nelson  
Pvt. T. M. Nuttall  
Pvt. W. A. Ortiz  
Pfc. F. E. Quijano Jr.  
Pfc. J. M. Seck  
Pfc. R. A. Smith  
Pfc. C. A. Soto  
Pvt. B. A. Steinway  
\*Pfc. T. D. Stevenson  
Pvt. E. W. Swart  
\*Lance Cpl. G. T. Thompson  
Pvt. G. E. Toelle  
Pvt. T. J. Vaughn  
Pvt. D. R. Vigarino III  
Pvt. J. A. Walke  
Pfc. T. J. Watts  
Pvt. J. T. Whitaker  
Pfc. J. B. Williamson  
Pvt. M. J. Wu  
Pvt. A. M. Kroh

**PLATOON 1083**  
Senior Drill Instructor  
Staff Sgt. A. R. Ferguson  
Drill Instructors  
Sgt. J. Altamirano  
Sgt. J. K. Miller  
Sgt. M. B. Bombach

Pvt. A. D. Barfield  
Pfc. Z. R. Barnes  
Pvt. W. E. Christensen  
Pfc. K. M. Fonseca  
Pvt. R. J. Hamilton  
Pvt. G. B. Haskell  
Pvt. T. W. Hill  
Pvt. R. Huerta-Ceja  
Pvt. A. T. Hussen  
Pfc. D. V. Ireland  
Pfc. C. J. Jarvis  
Pfc. S. C. Kettlehut  
Pvt. T. A. King



Pfc. Joel Dominguez, Platoon 1078, Company A, applies the proper first aid procedure for a dry-chemical burn on Pvt. D. A. Rutherford, Platoon 1081, at a practical application exam. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

Pvt. R. S. Knapp  
Pvt. J. A. Koryta  
Pvt. M. R. Laherty  
Pvt. K. M. Laut  
Pvt. H. Lee Jr.  
Pfc. D. S. Lewis  
Pfc. S. A. Lomeli  
Pfc. M. A. Marquez  
Pvt. J. M. McMillin  
Pvt. C. N. McQueen-Prince  
Pfc. J. J. Meindl

Pvt. S. D. Mullens  
Pvt. R. L. Parker  
Pfc. E. W. Payne  
\*Pfc. J. C. Perimon  
Pfc. C. Pho  
Pfc. J. C. Rodriguez  
Pfc. C. T. Romrell  
\*Pfc. B. J. Ross  
\*Pfc. A. D. Salazar  
Pvt. A. B. Saucedo  
Pfc. T. A. Scheetz

Pvt. M. J. Sherman  
Pvt. S. M. Smith  
Pvt. T. J. Smith  
Pvt. R. D. Thayer  
Pvt. R. Tomlinson

\*Meritorious promotion



Pfc. V.B. Starkey, Platoon 1081, and Pvt. J.D. McManus, Platoon 1077, wait silently in the testing area to demonstrate the abdominal wound procedures. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron



# SERVICE WITH A SMILE



Service Company's Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson shows an opponent the tenacity of his team's defense. Service Company won the game 54-44.

## Coast Guard falters, Service Company new court kings

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
*Chevron staff*

The depot's Commanding General's Cup basketball championship tournament finished with a Service Company victory at Murphy Field House Tuesday.

In the opening two games, the Coast Guard's team beat Recruit Training Regiment's 3rd Battalion 75-41, and 12th Marine Corps District beat RTR's 2nd Bn. 49-47.

Moving up in the bracket, the Coast Guard beat Headquarters & Service Bn. to break its championship dreams. Service Co. also crushed District's hopes with a 51-36 blowout.

The third place game finished with a H&S Bn. victory over District, who couldn't seem to find its first game groove.

During the final game, Coast Guard and Service Co. exchanged leads several times during the first half. It wasn't until the second half that the Coast Guard jumped to a 4 point lead.

After a missed 3-pointer, in the second half, Service Co.'s Staff Sgt. Arthur L. Rainey Jr. turned the momentum around with uncanny rebounding and scoring to give the team the lead again.

"As a team we came out soft in the beginning, and as the game progressed, we gelled together and worked harder the second half," said Rainey.

After the game's turning point, Cpl. Junior A. Caba, Service Co., solidified the score with two free throws after a foul.

Service Co. finished the game with a 54-44 win over the Coast Guard. The next CG's Cup event is the Softball League, which begins Tuesday.



Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson, Service Company, lays the ball up over a Coast Guard defender during the championship game of the CG's Cup basketball league. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos



Lance Cpl. Jason L. Johnson, Service Company, nails a 3-pointer in the beginning of the game.